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Clean Version of Amendments.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, please replace the title with:

METHOD OF IMPLANTING AN INTERVERTEBRAL SPACER

On page 2, after CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS, please insert the following paragraph:

This application is a division of co-pending U.S. Patent Now U.S. patent Now U.S. patent no. 6,879,318, Application Serial No. 09/592,072, filed June 12, 2000, entitled "INTERVERTEBRAL SPACER" which is hereby incorporated by reference herein in its entirety, including but not limited to those portions that specifically appear hereinafter.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-31, without prejudice.

Please add new claims 44-81 as indicated below:

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44. (New) The method of claim 35, wherein attaching holding means further comprising affixing pedicle screws to posterior pedicle portions of the vertebral bodies, and interconnecting rods with the pedicle screws.